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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Amir M. Saffarian
Serial No.: 08/828,022
Filed: March 27, 1997
Group No.: 2876
Examiner: Jamara Alzaida Franklin
Notice of Allowance Mailed: March 29, 2004
Confirmation No.: 4442
Title: *Automated System and Method for Check Amount Encoding at a Point-of-Sale*

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 19, 22, 25 and 26. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the

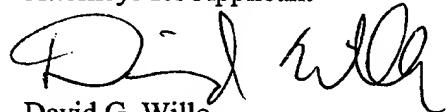
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claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,
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